

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

December 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 1.0 percent between November 2012 and December 2012 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 1.0 percent for both cities during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the December All-items Index decreased from November 2012 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and traveller's accommodation. Prices also fell for men's clothing, women's clothing, furniture and home entertainment equipment, parts and services.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices recorded for food purchased from restaurants, fresh fruit, bakery products, fresh or frozen chicken and processed meat. Prices also rose for rent and child care and housekeeping services.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 percent between December 2011 and December 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 0.9 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The December All-items Index increased from December 2011 primarily due to higher prices for rent, homeowners' maintenance and repairs and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also rose for passenger vehicle insurance premiums, cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television), food purchased from restaurants and tuition fees.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline and natural gas. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, home entertainment equipment parts and services, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and women's clothing.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2012</u>	<u>Nov. 2012</u>	<u>Nov. 2012</u>	<u>Dec. 2011</u>
	(2002 = 100)		to	to
			<u>Dec. 2012</u>	<u>Dec. 2012</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	123.3	124.5	-1.0	0.7
Food	131.3	131.3	0.0	0.9
Shelter	147.5	147.5	0.0	1.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.0	108.6	-0.6	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	92.7	96.4	-3.8	0.4
Transportation	116.1	119.4	-2.8	-0.9
Health and Personal Care	116.2	115.7	0.4	1.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.0	106.9	-0.8	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	144.1	144.4	-0.2	0.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	122.1	122.8	-0.6	1.2
Energy	134.3	140.4	-4.3	-3.1
CANADA				
All-Items	121.2	121.9	-0.6	0.8
Food	131.2	131.4	-0.2	1.5
Shelter	127.5	127.5	0.0	0.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	113.2	113.7	-0.4	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	89.2	92.5	-3.6	0.1
Transportation	125.8	127.3	-1.2	0.5
Health and Personal Care	118.6	118.7	-0.1	0.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.3	106.1	-0.8	1.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	138.3	138.3	0.0	1.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	118.7	119.3	-0.5	1.0
Energy	151.9	153.8	-1.2	-0.5
REGINA				
All-Items	124.1	125.3	-1.0	0.9
SASKATOON				
All-Items	123.7	125.0	-1.0	0.7

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2012</u> to <u>Dec. 2012</u>	<u>Dec. 2011</u> to <u>Dec. 2012</u>
Canada	-0.6	0.8
Newfoundland	-0.6	1.3
Prince Edward Island	-0.8	1.2
Nova Scotia	-0.5	1.8
New Brunswick	-0.7	0.7
Quebec	-0.5	1.5
Ontario	-0.5	0.8
Manitoba	-0.7	1.3
Saskatchewan	-1.0	0.7
Alberta	-0.6	0.0
British Columbia	-0.5	0.4
Whitehorse	-0.4	1.9
Yellowknife	-0.1	1.1
Iqaluit	-0.2	0.8

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2012</u> to <u>Dec. 2012</u>	<u>Dec. 2011</u> to <u>Dec. 2012</u>
St. John's	-0.6	1.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.8	1.2
Halifax	-0.5	1.7
Saint John	-0.6	0.7
Quebec City	-0.6	1.6
Montreal	-0.6	1.4
Ottawa	-0.6	0.7
Toronto	-0.5	1.0
Thunder Bay	-0.7	0.3
Winnipeg	-0.7	1.4
Regina	-1.0	0.9
Saskatoon	-1.0	0.7
Edmonton	-0.5	0.2
Calgary	-0.7	-0.2
Vancouver	-0.6	0.2
Victoria	-0.5	0.5
Whitehorse	-0.4	1.9
Yellowknife	-0.1	1.1
Iqaluit	-0.2	0.8

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